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Talks Sought to Set 1000 Free in Cuba

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HAVANA, Aug. 21 (AP) — Attorney James B. Donovan, who arranged the release of U-2 Pilot Francis Gary Powers from the Soviet Union, has asked permission to enter Cuba to negotiate for the release of more than 1000 Cuban exiles captured in last year's invasion.

This was reported today by sources of the Prisoners of War Freedom Committee. They said that if Donovan gets an entry visa, he will arrive in Havana before next week-end.

The Cuban government has demanded a 52-million-dollar ransom for the prisoners, taken in April of last year. If the money is not deposited in Canadian banks, the captives will have to serve prison terms up to 30 years.

So far, 66 of the prisoners have been released. Sixty of these, wounded and ailing, left on "credit parole." They are now touring the United States to help with the fund raising.